THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) and (b) Provision for issuing communications compulsorily in Hindi to Hindi speaking States already exists in Rule 3 of Official Language Rules 1976 and are given in the "Annual Programme" issued by Department of Official Language to all Ministries/Deptts. etc. In this context an Office Memorandum has also been issued to all the Ministries/ Departments by the Department of Official Language on 4.10.99.

(c) Official Language Policy of the Government is to get the work done in Hindi through inspiration, incentives and goodwill. Accordingly the use of Hindi in official work is gradually increasing.

(d) and (e) Wherever deficiencies are noticed in implementation of provisions relating to Official Language Hindi, necessary action towards adopting suitable measures to remove the same are taken in Hindi Salahakar Samities of all the Ministries. These are also reviewed in the meetings of Central Official Language Implementation Committee of Department of Official Language and Official Language Implementation Committees of the offices concerned and also in the Town Official language Implementation Committees. In addition, Parliamentary Committee on Official Language is reviewing the situation of use of Official Language Hindi in all the Offices of Central Government on continuing basis.

Disparities in pay scale of NSG personnel

183. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Black Cats of the National Security Guards, who are considered to be the fittest and finest for special operations such as the one at Akshardham in Gujarat recently, are a poorly paid force when compared to other regular forces personnel and are, therefore, reluctant to join the elite strike force; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and steps being taken to remove the disparities in their pay scales and other emoluments so as to attract the right kind of talent into the force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Sir, NSG is a 100% deputationist Force. The personnel on deputation to NSG were

drawing pay scales of their parent cadre with 10% Deputation allowance, NSG allowance, Ration Money allowance and Kit Maintenance allowance. The total emoluments of the NSG personnel were higher than the regular Forces personnel belonging to CRPF, BSF etc.

However, there were 22% vacancies in the NSG as on 1.4.2002. Tough training imparted to NSG Commandos was one of the reason for reluctance of other Forces personnel to join NSG. In order to make NSG more attractive to young and talented persons, the rates of NSG allowance have been revised to 25% of emoluments (excluding HRA and CCA) with effect from 11.10.2002.

Abrogation of Illegal Migrants (Detection by Tribunals) Act

184. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering a proposal to abrogate the Illegal Migrants (Detection by Tribunals) Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) whether the opinion of the Government of Assam has been/will be elicited before the proposed step is taken;

(d) whether the various national and State political parties will be consulted in the matter; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) to (e) The Government of Assam had recommended to the Government of India to repeal the Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) (IMDT) Act, 1983. However, before a decision could be taken by Government of India, one public interest litigation, challenging the constitutional validity of the IMDT Act, 1983 and another opposing the repeal of the IMDT Act, 1983 were filed before the hon'ble Supreme Court of India. Both the cases (PILs) have been clubbed and are pending for hearing before the Supreme Court of India. The matter is, therefore, subjudice.